



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Thou Art Weighed

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"Tekel; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." Dan. 5: 27.

I refer you to the great incident recorded in Daniel 5, Belshazzar's feast.

At the time of this great feast Belshazzar was king of Babylon, the greatest realm known at that time, and he, like his grandfather Nebuchadnezzar, ruled with an iron hand.

The Bible said he made a feast to a thousand of his lords and drank wine before the thousand. When the feast was tuned to the highest pitch and their souls waxed wanton, he commanded that the vessels be brought which his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, that his princes, his wives, and his concubines might drink therein.

Then they brought them and drank wine in them and praised the gods of gold and silver, of brass, iron, wood and stone. Jer. 21:14, "I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings." In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall, pronouncing judgment upon Belshazzar and his guests.

As Belshazzar was placed in God's balances and his deeds reckoned, the joints of his loins were loosed and his knees smote one against the other. My friend, whether you are a Christian or not, when God summons you to the judgment and you find your deeds are recorded, what

then! The wise men, astrologers, and soothsayers were brought but could not reveal the meaning of the writing. Daniel, a Jewish captive, was mentioned and later brought before the king. By the wisdom of God and the spirit that was in him, he interpreted the writing. Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin—God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. He did not say, Thou shalt be weighed, but, Thou art weighed. That night Babylon was taken, Belshazzar was slain and Darius, the Median, took the kingdom.

Weighed in the balances is used figuratively and means "tried by law." Our motive and intention of this message is to refer you to deeds for which this generation and forthcoming generations will be weighed (tried by God's law). I would like for you to notice how closely connected are two laws of the Old and New Testaments, and bear in mind that if these are not strictly adhered to both will weigh out the same when tried (judged). Exodus 20; Gal. 5:19-21. God told those who did not heed His voice and observe to do all His commands, that they should not see the land (Canaan). Paul said that those which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Let's examine ourselves and see if there are any of these

works in us, lest we fail and come short of the glory of God.

ADULTERY

Gal. 5:19-21; Exodus 20:1-17. Paul said, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery." Moses said, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Adultery is God's greatest displeasure. Eden was the home of our foreparents and in it was established the law of monogamy—one wife for one husband. But when Eve began to flirt with the devil she failed God and lost her inheritance (home). Don't misconstrue this statement, it's a wonderful example. You, no doubt, have heard or read of many having their fifth and sixth and even as many as eight companions. Just recently I read of a woman at the age of thirty who was marrying her eighth husband. In one county there were two hundred and eighty-eight marriage license issued and the same year two hundred and eighty-eight divorces granted. It has increased to a large per cent—something to think about—when God said, Thou shalt not. Heb. 13:4.

FORNICATION, UNCLEANNESS, LASCIVIOUSNESS

These three works of the flesh (prohibited both by Moses and Paul) are practiced by such a large number that it should grieve the heart of every Christian. Think of the many houses of vice

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We expect to begin a revival May 29 and ask you to pray much for this meeting. We expect to have an all-day service June 10 and dedicate our new house on that day. You are invited to come and bring a well-filled basket as we will have dinner at the church. We will also take sacrament and have feet washing and conference that night. Be sure to be here. Pray that God will have His way in our lives. We are building our new house at Cave City now so pray for that work to be finished soon. All of you near-by preachers are especially invited to attend. Brother Johnson, district pastor, will be in charge.—Golden Griffin, pastor, Box 213, Cave City, Ark.

We will have all-day service Mother's Day at the Church of God at Lane's Chapel. Everybody is invited. You neighboring churches have an invitation. Come expecting a blessing from the Lord.—Sister Swain, Edgewood, Tex.

We are in a great revival here at Blue Diamond, Ky. God is blessing in a wonderful way. The revival started March 2. The preaching is being done by our pastor, Brother John Newton, assisted by Brother Benny Hall. Pray for its continued success.—Mrs. John Newton, Blue Diamond, Ky.

We are in a revival at Sugar Grove, Va. This is a new place. God is surely blessing. We expect to set a church in order before we leave. Pray for us and the work here.—J. J. York and wife, Marion, Va.

The church here at Cross City, Fla. is in a revival with Brother J. A. Lewis doing the preaching. Interest is good. Please pray for this revival that it will be a continued success. Anyone wanting a revival will do well in getting Brother Lewis.—W. L. Kerce, pastor, Cross City, Fla.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E.'s of Kentucky: I hereby announce that Martins Fork wins the Sunday School banner for the month of March on an increase of 200 per cent. Vicco and Hazard come second, tying with 115 per cent increase, then comes Winchester with an increase of 74 per cent. Ca-wood gets the Y. P. E. banner.—L. S. Cooper, Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent of Kentucky, 137 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.

The West Virginia state convention will convene at Beckley, W. Va., June

16-19. Everybody come. Everybody welcome.—E. C. Clark, state overseer, Clarksburg, W. Va.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Brother Jack and Sister Rose Peel, please let us know at once. They were at Hazlehurst, Ga. the last account. Please answer by return mail and pray lots for us.—Their parents, Lee and Lucy Green, Santa Rosa, Tex.

There is to be a fifth Sunday meeting at Unity church near Iron City, Ga. the fifth Sunday in May. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket. Pray for the meeting and that God will have His way.—Mrs. D. M. Griffin, Iron City, Ga., Rt. 1.

The Sunday School and Y. P. E. district convention will convene at Logan Aracoma the first Sunday in June, the 5th, beginning at 9:30 a. m. We are expecting each Sunday School and Y. P. E. on the Logan district to be repre-

The South Carolina state convention will convene June 2-5 in Textile Hall, Greenville, S. C. The first service will be on Thursday evening. Brothers J. H. Walker, General Overseer, R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, Zeno C. Tharp, General Superintendent of Education, are expected to be present.

sented. This will be a blessing to your young people. Each Sunday School that attends will be allowed its average attendance for that day. Pray much for this convention.—J. H. Winters, district Sunday School and Y. P. E. president, Logan, W. Va.

To whom it may concern: The Church of God in the Perry, Okla. district; namely, Drumright, Enid, Guthrie, Norman, Oklahoma City and Perry, in fellowship ruled that all solicitors and letters of solicitations of the Churches of God in the Perry district must be presented through the clerk of the fellowship meetings, Miss Helen Albright, Perry, Okla.—P. D. Hoggatt, district overseer.

There will be a Y. P. E. rally at the Church of God in Union, S. C. May 8, beginning at 3:00 p. m. Brother Bowman, district superintendent, will be in charge. We are looking for a great time in the Lord. Bring your singers and music and come.—W. H. Horton, pastor, Union, S. C.

The Perry, Okla. district convention will convene at the Church of God in

Perry, May 27-29. We cordially invite our friends to be with us on those dates and will try to care for those who come, however, we request that you bring your quilts, blankets and pillows with you. Come thou with us and we will do thee good.—P. D. Hoggatt, district overseer, 212 Fir St., Perry, Okla.

There will be a fellowship meeting at the Brownfield, Tex. Church of God the third Sunday in May for this district and those who can and will come. We are expecting a wonderful time in the Lord. Service starts at 10:00 a. m. and adjourns at 5:00 p. m., May 15.—O. Gregory, pastor, Rt. 3, Brownfield, Tex.

Brother Turner Hall started a revival at Anadarko, Okla., May 1. All pray for a great enlightening of lost souls and that the church here will be built up as this is a new work. Our pastor is W. E. Wright.—Anna Deulen, Anadarko, Okla.

We are still in a revival at Swainsboro, Ga. and souls are being saved.—J. A. Hipps, Cobbtown, Ga.

There will be a home coming at the Church of God in Roanoke Rapids, N. C. the third Sunday in May. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket.—J. R. Mason, clerk, Garysburg, N. C., Rt. 1, Box 94.

The North Georgia camp meeting of the Church of God will be in Rome, Ga. on Calhoun Ave. under our new state tent, 50x90, equipped with new public address system. The first service will be May 19 at 7:00 p. m. There will be three services daily: 10:00-12:00 M., 2:00-4:00 P. M. and 7:00-9:00 P. M., for ten days.

We are expecting this to be the greatest thing Rome has ever had, so we are urging all delegates who possibly can to be here for the opening service. We expect to make everything as comfortable as we can for all who attend. We have a large tabernacle on the camp ground we will use for sleeping quarters and we will put our new state cots in there to sleep on, and Rome, Shannon and Lindale will help make room for you.

Come on preachers, come on singers, come on workers, we are expecting visitors from Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and we are expecting the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and when we all meet together what a camp meeting we can have. Come on.—A. H. Batts, chairman of camp meeting committee, 105 Evan St., Rome, Ga.

There will be an all-day service at the Childersburg, Ala. church Sunday May 8. Come and bring a well-filled basket.—W. B. Stone, pastor.

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Church of God Plans Annual State Convention in Greenville, South Carolina June 2-5

His Ears Were Open to the Cries of the Righteous

LAVONIA, Ga.—Dear readers, I can never express in words how merciful the Lord has been to me. How I praise Him for His healing power for both soul and body. About three weeks ago my little four-year-old boy took seriously ill with double pneumonia. I was in a backslidden condition at the time. We requested prayer for him among the saints but it seemed they could get no victory. The child grew worse until he was almost in the valley of the shadow of death. I believe the doctor gave up hopes for he told us he had done all he could do. The death angel seemed to hover very near, once or twice we thought he was gone. But praise the Lord the all-seeing eye of God was looking upon our saddened hearts and His listening ear was open to the cries of the righteous.

The saints kept holding on to God and I began to feel that the child was suffering for me, so God in His mysterious way began to deal with my heart. It seemed that He talked to me through everything. I would read the Evangel and the messages seemed direct to me. Everything just deepened the conviction upon my heart. At last I got willing to give my heart and life to God. I felt like my child would be taken from me if I didn't. After this the saints again prayed for him, and oh, such sweet victory the Lord gave. Thank God! The next morning he was better and when the doctor came and examined him his temperature was normal. He has been improving ever since and I am now enjoying the full blessings of God. The doctor was amazed at such sudden change in the child's condition but he didn't understand the secret. I just can't thank Him enough for His abundant mercy and healing power.

Now that He has saved me again I want to obey Him in everything. My only desire is to please Him who has done so much for me. I ask the prayers of everyone that I might hold out faithful and be a soul winner for Him. Also pray that my family will be saved and for my little child to soon be strong again.—Doyle Addison.

Revival

CANTWELL, Mo.—About the middle of December our pastor called the

church together and began a series of prayer meetings, praying for an old-time revival. He and our local preachers preached about three weeks and the revival began to break out. Sister Effie Wills preached three weeks. Dear Brother H. L. Marcum, state overseer, preached one week. My, how Brother Marcum preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. He certainly feeds our souls. We love and appreciate him. Brother J. L. Underwood, and our local preachers continued the revival, making twelve weeks. In many ways this was one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church here. The saints were greatly blessed and revived; a large number were saved and sanctified, thirty received the Holy Ghost, twenty-four were baptized and fifteen added to the church. Brother Underwood has worked faithfully, his efforts have been untiring; he is an efficient pastor. The church has been greatly blessed in many ways since he has been our pastor.—Leslie H. Orrick and wife.

RADIO BROADCASTS

WFBC from 6:45 to 8:15 (E.S.T.), each Sunday morning. 1300 kilocycles. Earl Paulk, pastor.

Broadcast over WMFD has been changed from 3:30-4:00 p. m. to 2:30-3:00 p. m. each Sunday, E.S.T., 1370 kilocycles.—H. T. Durden, pastor.

Over WEBJ, Harrisburg, Ill., each Monday 3:00-3:45 p. m., 1210 kilocycles.—J. R. Thomas, state overseer.

Over KLCN, Blytheville, Ark., each Sunday, 4:15-4:45 p. m., C.S.T., 1290 kilocycles. Brother and Sister C. E. French in charge.

Hear The Church of God Gospel Hour, Frank Johnson, pastor of Powderly, Ala. church, in charge, over WSGN, each Sunday morning from 7:30 to 8:30.

Each week day from 5:30-6:00 a. m. over station WAPI, Birmingham, Ala., 1140 kilocycles, 5000 w. This program is sponsored by the listeners. Church of God, Pratt City, Ala. M. D. Harwood, pastor.

Charlotte, N. C. over WSOC, direct from the church, Sunday 4:30 p. m.; from the studio, Thursday, 3:45 p. m. E. L. Simmons, pastor.

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Sunday, 4:30 to 5:30 a. m.; Tuesday, 11:00 to 11:30 a. m.; Thursday, 11:00 to 11:30 a. m. Over station KGDE—H. E. Ramsey.

WFOR, Hattiesburg, Miss., each Sunday afternoon from 4:45-5:15. The Church of God, D. W. Mills, pastor.

WRGA—A. H. Batts, pastor, Rome, Ga., 1500 kilocycles, March 7, 8:00-8:30 and March 14 at 4:30-5:00 p. m., etc.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn. Each Wednesday from 7:45 to 9:00 o'clock. 1500 kilocycles.—R. C. Cook, pastor.

Church of God, Williamsburg, Pa., over WFBG, Altoona, Pa., each Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until 2:30 p. m.—C. H. Shaw in charge.

WCBD, 1080 KC, Chicago, Ill. Every Sunday morning from 1:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m. Amelia Shumaker in charge.

CAROLINA RALLY RUNS FOUR DAYS IN TEXTILE HALL

Delegates From Neighboring States Also Expected; Paulk To Deliver Message of Welcome.

The annual state convention of the Church of God will be held in Textile Hall, June 2-5, the Rev. Earle P. Paulk, pastor of the local church, announced today.

Delegates from neighboring states also will attend.

The convention will open in the main auditorium of the hall on the night of June 2. The address of welcome will be delivered by Mr. Paulk.

The business sessions of the convention will begin on Friday morning, June 3, and will be held afternoons and nights, concluding at 4 o'clock Sunday when the annual foreign missionary offering will be taken. Last year it was over \$2,400.

The presiding officer at the business sessions will be the Rev. A. V. Beabe, state supervisor. Other prominent ministers taking part will be J. H. Walker, general supervisor, Cleveland, Tenn.; Assistant Supervisor, R. P. Johnson, Cleveland, Tenn.; Zeno C. Tharp, superintendent of education, Cleveland, Tenn.

The Church of God in Greenville is on the corner of Tremont and Lady street, between Dunbar and Mills Mill. It has a large congregation and officials said the Sunday School attendance last Sunday was over 1,100.—Sent in by A. V. Beabe.

REVIVAL

SEBASTIAN, Fla.—I am happy to report that we began a revival about March 21 with Brother R. F. Kirkland, pastor of Vero Beach church, doing the preaching, his wife assisting with the music and singing. I was told that the church building was built nearly four years ago and no one had received the Holy Ghost, but thank God, we have a better report now. During the revival there were about three saved, four sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost.

We had Easter services and the Lord blessed us in a special way. Two came into the church, also three were baptized. We thank the Lord for the results of our efforts here.—L. B. Thomas, pastor, Box 121.

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EDITORIALS

The Ministry

"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and give his life a ransom for many," Matt. 20:25-28.

The word "minister" is from the Latin and is frequently used interchangeably with the word, "servant," hence one who ministers to our needs as well as one who officiates at religious worship. The ministry we wish to emphasize evidences the self-sacrificing spirit of love prescribed in the commission given by Jesus to the apostles. This advice given by Jesus grew out of the request made by two of His followers to sit one on His right and the other on His left, and He wishes them to know that those who minister should not clamor for place or conduct themselves in a way that would cause people to think that they wish to be served or bowed to. But he who would be a minister must be servant of all. The minister of the gospel should be a fine and forcible character, in fact, a character builder, a teacher of the duties men owe to God and to their fellow men, an example of high and lofty life that inspires men to live as befits those who would be followers of the great Nazarene, a comforter in time of sorrow, an elder brother.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of

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God in him," 2 Cor. 20, 21.

"For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychius, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts," Eph. 6:20-22.

These scriptures are brief statements of the duties and qualifications of the ministers of the Church of God. The presbytery is spoken of in the Bible, which means, of course, a body of ministers whose duty it is to examine and ordain other ministers. The scripture gives all the advice necessary for the ministry and if we will take the plain, written Word we will understand what our duties are and I am sure will be helpful to those who need our advice.

"And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed," Acts 14:23.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears," Acts 20:28-31.

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection

with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil," 1 Tim. 3:1-7.

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock," 1 Peter 5:1-3.

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward," 1 Tim. 5:17, 18.

"I commend unto you Phoebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchræ: that ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also. Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles," Rom. 16:1-4.

Here we find that Paul admonished the church at Rome to receive these women helpers and this shows the construction he put on the good women who were helpers in the work.

The duties of the church to the ministry may be said to consist chiefly of co-operation, loyalty, devotion to Christian duties and the living of lives in conformity with the tenets and teachings of the Word of God.

THE PASTOR

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding," Jer. 3:15.

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord," Jer. 23:2.

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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Men Who Are Essential to the Church

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth" and "Ye are the light of the world," (Matt. 5:13). Men who possess certain qualities and certain ability and with certain vision are necessary to the well-being of any city or community. And it is equally true that the existence and progress of the Church depends on men of a definite and specific kind.

1. Its very life depends on men and women who are soundly converted to God, men and women who possess a positive, dependable experience of God's grace. Recently a pastor of a leading city church, speaking in a ministers' meeting said, "There are many groups of Christian people who have no experimental knowledge of sins forgiven." He deplored this awful condition and wanted to find a way to remedy it. This is a vital point. Only of saved men and women is the Church built. When men and women go into sin the light of God goes out of their lives.

2. The Church must have men who understand and appreciate its mission in the world. The world is lost. There is no means of salvation but the gospel of Jesus Christ. Upon the Church is the responsibility of giving the gospel to men. The apostles of Jesus felt this responsibility keenly. They gave their lives in the discharge of that responsibility. While the Church exists it must feel this obligation. It is more than a matter of general interest, it is a personal matter and with each individual member. The spirit of evangelism and missions is essential in all. And to the extent we do not possess it we are dead and lacking in the true spirit of the gospel of Jesus.

3. The Church needs men who are consecrated to God and who are set apart definitely and specifically for the work of the ministry. The disciples cast their lot entirely with Jesus. They reserved nothing. His interests were theirs. That He and His kingdom might win out was the victory they desired. Men who will espouse the cause of Jesus just as they did are still the crying need of the Church.

4. Men and women who will put their finances and all their earthly store at the disposal of the Master, for His great program, are still needed. There are expenses and certain necessities that must be provided. Giving willingly, freely, and to the point of sacrifice and

self-denial is the spirit that must be among us.

5. The Church must have men of vision, men of spiritual insight and wisdom as leaders to help steer the old ship of Zion, not men of biased minds with narrow, contracted vision or selfish motives. But men of prayer and faith and humility and love, men whose words and spirit and actions point others to the Master. What a force God marshaled under the leadership and teachings of Peter, James, John and Paul. But their equipment and ability was God-given. God called them, they answered His call and He endowed them with "power from on high." God is still calling men. He is still equipping and sending them.

Young People's Corner

Where the Steps of Jesus Lead

"Follow me"—Jesus, Luke 9:27.

It is quite easy to sing, "Where He leads me I will follow," but it costs something to do it and yet all who follow Him pay the price. If I follow Him, I'll have to pay the price. If you follow Him, you will have to pay the price.

It was a price indeed that the disciples paid to be followers of Jesus. But how amply they were paid for all it cost them.

FIRST, it cost them the surrender of their lives to Him. Whatever occupation or employment they desired mattered not to them now. It is all in His hands. Nothing is the same any more. Following Jesus made every phase of life different to them. And with us it is the same. Some surrender themselves to Jesus and soon they quit their job—teaching, clerking, farming, etc. and go to work for the Lord, at home, or maybe in a foreign field. But most of us He does not call away to work for Him. We follow Jesus right in the old home, on the farm, in the shop or store, among our friends, loved ones and neighbors. But our life is different, the farming, teaching or working is different now since we are following Jesus. We witness, we let our light shine and things are all new because we are following Jesus. We had just as soon go somewhere else, but we will labor gladly right here and be faithful and do our best to hold down our part by giving and working and praying since God has

placed us here and is pleased to have us remain till Jesus comes.

SECOND, it cost the disciples all earthly comforts to follow Jesus. He told them plainly that He "had no where to lay his head." And certainly to cast their lot with Him meant to be as poor as He, but the blessedness of His presence was more to them than all earthly comforts. And it is so now to all the followers of Jesus. Let us remember that for the comforts we give up for the sake of following Jesus we will later be rewarded a millionfold. If following Jesus leads to poverty now it will ultimately lead to the riches of glory.

THIRD, the steps of Jesus did lead the disciples to present peace, although over a track beset by many unpleasant and unwelcome experiences. Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you." The follower of Jesus today finds the same peace and a rest unknown to the world.

FOURTH, the path which Jesus walked led to crucifixion and death, a literal death. His followers share the benefits of that death. The Apostle Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ." Could not every true follower of Jesus say the same? To be a follower of Jesus means crucifixion to the world and all the evil in it. If the steps of Jesus have not led you here it is because you have not "followed on."

FIFTH, the steps of Jesus led the disciples to a life of service. He was always ministering to some needy one in one way or another. He "came to minister," and was always teaching it by precept and example. And so He leads His followers today.

SIXTH, Jesus said, "I go and prepare a place for you," and "I will come again and receive you unto myself." He said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." This is the final reward of glory awaiting those who follow Jesus. No matter the pain or sorrow of the way, it leads home.

By one look at the cross this valley of tears is made a fruitful and pleasant place.

Increase in Number of Jews

It is estimated that in 1800 there were 3,000,000 Jews in the world; in 1881 there were 7,500,000; in 1914 there were 14,000,000; and at the present time, 17,000,000. European population increased for this period only threefold, Jewish more than fivefold.

The heart is never so flexible to the touch of God's divine hand as when filled with love.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

NEWS FLASHES FROM THE MISSION FIELD

By J. H. INGRAM

JAMAICA

We told you of how the Lord was blessing—beyond measure—in Jamaica, and of the unprecedented opportunities we have in that Island. Before I left, there was so much interest aroused that business men and others would stop us on the street asking for an explanation of the Pentecostal blessing in the Holy Ghost as taught in the Church of God. I remember one day when the manager of a tailor shop on King Street, the main thoroughfare in Kingston, ran out calling to me; several of the shop-workers followed and soon a crowd had gathered. Then there was Adjutant H. J. Perry of the Salvation Army, who had lately been healed of a serious illness in answer to prayer, and had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to the pattern in Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6, etc. Brother Perry was with the "Army" for some twenty-three years until he received the light on water baptism by immersion after which he united with the Baptist church and took a course of training in their college at Cristobal, C. Z., Panama. He naturally made good grades in school, taking first place in Theology, second place in literature, and tied for second in language, involving the study of Greek, Latin and Spanish. He also made good grades in Logic and other kindred subjects and is a splendid musician. His wife also is a talented worker and has the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They have already organized one good church and a small orphanage in the city of Kingston. The church is in Montego Bay, the second largest population center in the Islands, I believe, and it is a place where we have wanted to open a work for some time. These people, who are well recommended by both the Baptists and the Salvation Army, came to us at the close of our convention asking to be fellowshipped in the Church of God. Since the Lord is bringing in so many talented and trained workers in these days to help us in carrying out our part in the evangelization of the world, we feel very grateful and naturally—yes! spiritually, too—want to flash the good news to the four winds of the earth.

Some may not appreciate what we have to say with reference to Theology, etc., as has already been said, but what of it? The Bible admonishes us to

"Study to shew ourselves approved unto God, that we may teach others also; ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in us." The writer, who is a self-taught man, had to gain what little knowledge he has, through night school study, correspondence school course, and hard, downright experience, during thirty-two years of world-travel, and wishes he had the opportunity afforded some of his readers, though not envying anyone. After all, "Ye are our epistles," said Paul, "written in our hearts, known and read of all men." People who do not read the Bible, read us. I don't know what your experience has been, but I have tried travelling incognito at times to escape the attention of the curious—while not using a fictitious name, nor denying my mission—yet to no effect. On one occasion an elderly gentleman belonging to a certain western countryside, approached me with a very pointed question, saying, "Brother Ingram, I feel like you are a man I could ask anything I wanted to, without your taking exception to the query." Replying to his question, I stated that "our lives should be an open book." It was my first and only time to ever meet the quaint old character, whom I left more puzzled than before, no doubt.

MAROONS LOOKING TO THE CHURCH

Before leaving the subject of Jamaica, I should like to mention the Maroons under this sub-heading. "Maroon," which suggests red, has no reference to the color of these interesting people who are black—being descendants of run-away African slaves. They were desperate at first, being forced to hide in the dens and caves of the wild "Cockpit Country," where they lived largely by hunting wild hogs that abounded in great numbers. Then at times they made raids on the white plantations, engaging the British soldiers in battle, fighting from ambush with their crude weapons of warfare. Huge forts were built and every method known to army men of that day were employed to dislodge them from their mountain fastness, to no avail. The British decided on hunting out these brigands and began what was destined to be week-end campaign that ran into a guerrilla war that lasted for forty-two years. Successive expeditions were carried on in which the participating crown troops were practically wiped out. Every desperate ruse of warfare was tried and failed. Man-hunting dogs were used, Indian trackers were tried,

and with forts overlooking the "Cockpit Country" it must have resembled the northwest frontier of India as it is to-day, yet the Maroons were never conquered. After one hundred years of ruthless warfare, a treaty of peace had been signed and duly ratified by George II, on March 1, 1738, giving them their independence.

It is a long and interesting history, but I must make it short and come to the point. Colonel Guthrie tactfully took advantage of the born-in religious instincts of these native Africans and suggested a treaty in the name of Almighty God who was displeased with the terrible bloodshed. So the British Colonel arranged a meeting with Cudjoe the chief of the Maroons, entering their territory, with native brigands waiting in ambush. Cudjoe approached with a gourd, used for drinking purposes, and a small incision was made in the flesh of the English Colonel's forearm, collecting a few drops of his blood in the vessel. The same ceremony was repeated with the native chief, the blood of the two flowing together. After this, a measure of rum was poured in and the two of them drank the contents; thus one of the strangest and best observed treaties in British colonial history entered upon its unbroken existence. The Maroons still possess the "Cockpit Country" after three hundred years, and though the Union Jack—the British flag—flies over Jamaica, this is one area of the British Empire which can claim independence. No tax collector, policeman, nor any agent of the Crown may enforce an entrance to their domain even to this day. They are a law to themselves except in case of murder, when the killer is turned over to the Colonial authorities for trial. They have 1,500 acres of land set aside by the Crown Government for their use. On March 1, 1938 the Maroons were to celebrate two hundred years of freedom, with dances, feats of physical strength, much feasting, etc. Best of all, they had decided on a religious program of some sort to honor Almighty God, and while we were gathered in our Island convention at Kingston word came that Colonel Henry Rowe, the seventy-year-old ruler, had sent for the Church of God Y. P. E. asking them to come to Acompong—his capital—and take charge of the exercises—honoring our people above all the other religious folks.

As stated before, we are conducting the meetings at our central station, at Kingston, in a building loaned to us. Since arriving in Central America, I have received word that we may have to vacate very soon, and will be obliged to build a place of our own, to serve as Island headquarters. Most all building

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BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 3:15.

God Has Your Number

BY V. B. RAINS,

Correspondent Student

Many are running from the presence of God, and trying to get away from His Spirit, but it is impossible to get out of His reach.

TRYING TO HIDE

2 Sam. 12:1-8 gives us a record of the time David tried to cover a sin and get by with it. He thought he was sure and safe but suddenly it came to light. No doubt he was thinking of it the time he wrote the psalm about the "all-seeing eye of the great God." 2 Sam. 11:1-17 tells of the terrible plot against Uriah after he would not go down to his house and be with his wife to cover up the thing David had done. David sent a letter to Joab the captain to set Uriah in the hottest battle on the front line. David took Uriah's wife but yet it was not known to the people; God knew all about it.

Achan had the sin covered up from the people but how easily the Lord could see the thing. There was much suffering and shame over it but he couldn't get by with it. He had it hid well and no doubt his wife knew but very little about the thing he had done. Or perhaps his whole household knew it but the judge didn't. People go to a lot of trouble to keep things from the public, and especially the church of which they are members, and when they are successful in getting it covered from people they feel all right. See Joshua 7:1-26.

We have heard so much about the fall in the garden, but I'm persuaded there has never been a picture so plain or so shameful as to show the tragedy of that event. What a difference in the scene. Adam could not be found as before; something wrong somewhere. Trying to hide from the Lord and get something to cover up his sin. But oh, how transparent were those leaves. If Adam had acted like he had been acting he would have gotten by longer. But when a person's conscience is hurting him he is not at himself and a lot of times he does things that tell on him. Read Gen. 3:1-10.

Ananias and Sapphira found out that God had a hand in the things He had left the apostles in charge of and the Holy Ghost couldn't be played with, or lied to. Isa. 30:1, "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin." Some

have covered with leaves, some with lies, some with dirt, and some with witty plans, but remember that all of these mentioned are not His Spirit, and there is a woe pronounced upon them, in fact, you can see plainly the woe that such have received.

We can soon see how far David got with his sin. There is always a man of God around to interfere with the plans of some old transgressor. David had begun to feel pretty good about the way the thing went which he had planned out, but about that time the man of God came on the scene. He brought a little problem to David to solve for him and here is what it was. There was in a certain city two men, one of whom had many herds, flocks, plenty of money, lots of land and just any thing he could wish for. The other was very poor and his family had to go hungry because of their circumstances. The poor man had a little lamb which he took care of just like one of his children and the whole family liked the meek little lamb. One day a traveler came to the rich man and he would not take a lamb from his own flock but went over and got the only lamb the poor man had and killed it for the traveler. Nathan asked David what would be done in a case of that kind. David got mad and said that man must be put to death at once. When he got through talking and raging Nathan said, "Thou art the man." No doubt David felt like Moses did the time he went out and began to correct some of the Israelites, and one of them asked him if he would kill him like he did the Egyptian. Things are not hid as well as we think they are sometimes.

Perhaps Achan's heart began to beat fast when the little army down at Ai got after Israel and ran them back home and killed thirty-six of them. He possibly knew that there was but little chance for him after God took it up and started to uncover things, yet he was stubborn like lots of folks nowadays, and he held on until the very last.

As we notice the way Adam and Ananias and Sapphira were exposed we think of the scripture in Isa. 28:20, "The bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering is narrower than that he can wrap himself in it." Let us remember that God has a cow to low, a sheep to bleat, a rooster to crow, a mule to talk, or some thing else to tell the wrong that we have done. He knew the house number and location; the man's name, and all about the place where Peter was staying when Cornelius sent after him. You talk about finger prints and license numbers, God can give your description better than that. He has the hairs of your head numbered and not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the notice of our

Father. He calls the stars by name, so don't think you are hiding a thing from the Lord.

THE PUNISHMENT

Rom. 6:23, "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Sometimes as we watch the wicked we almost become envious because it looks like they are upheld in their wickedness but if we consider the Lord is long suffering and bears long with the wicked and their destruction will be soon enough at the longest. Just look at these characters we have been talking about—David, Adam, Achan, Ananias, and many, many others, that we could speak of that faced an awful death and judgment because of their transgressions.

Just as sure as death is certain that sure the judgment is certain and every one is going to be judged by the deeds done in this body; there is no way out or around, the only way to be certain is to make everything right and live for God and then we will not be ashamed to face Him.

I was in a bank one time just awhile after some robbers had attempted to rob it. It happened that I knew one of the clerks and I was talking to him about the little happening and about the way they captured the bandits. There was a man up above the first floor that sat and watched every move that was made by the ones that came in, so when the bandits thought they had everything going their way the man that was watching turned the tear gas on them and before they knew it they had them captured. The wicked might think that they have the thing going their way but about the time it looks like they are going to get by with it the great God steps on the scene and arrests them.

BE SURE YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT. GOD HAS YOUR NUMBER!

God Healed Our Little Boy

OSCEOLA, Ark.—I thank God for healing my little boy's eye which had an ulcer growing on it. It had about half of the iris covered. Doctors and eye specialists failed and it grew worse. Everyone who saw it was afraid he would lose his eye, but we put him in the hands of the Lord. I asked the dear saints to pray for him, and thank God, this morning he is at school. His eye is well, there is no spot at all. God did it all. There has never been any medicine put in it since we began to pray.

I am trusting the Lord for my healing too, please pray for the complete healing of my body as I am very weak; I know God can heal. Also pray that I may stay humble as God would have me and hold out faithfully to the end.—Mrs. Madge Shelton, Rt. 3, Box 280.



Asheville, N. C. Dist. Conv'n.

The Asheville, N. C. district convention convened at Biltmore, N. C. April 15-17 with Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, in charge. The Lord met with us at the very first service and stayed there until the close. After the welcome addresses all seemed to feel at home; that good old Church of God feeling seemed to be there. Free entertainment was furnished the visiting delegates. We were favored with special singing and music during the convention by Brother Harden, Brother Lon Price, the Valdese quartet, Sister Price, and the West Asheville trio.

The sermons by the different preachers were wonderful, inspiring and enjoyed by all present. Those speaking during the convention were the two local pastors, Brothers B. J. Hillhouse and D. B. Yow, Brothers Harmon, A. V. Childers, D. H. Delk, E. L. Simmons, Fletcher Todd, J. H. Brooks, E. W. Williams, state overseer, and Wm. E. Harrison.

Sunday afternoon we had reports of the churches and the mission offering amounting to \$106.12. Oh, the spirit of missions came down. While many wept some ran in with offerings. One man gave his watch, another gave his Bible, which he loved so well, also his knife. One dear young man had worked hard and had \$6.00 coming to him and he freely gave that. While this was being done there were shouts, praises, mourns and screams. Oh, the blessing of giving. This was the best mission spirit I have seen. Offerings were also taken for our district overseer and state parsonage.—Annie M. Lindsey, clerk of convention.

Forrest City, Ark. District Convention

The Forrest City district convention convened at the Dyer Church of God, seven miles northeast of Holly Grove, Ark., April 1-3. Brother Everett Wright, our district overseer, opened the convention. Several churches were represented by pastors or delegates. We were certainly glad to have both our state and district overseers with us and appreciate the service of each. The Davis quartet of Sharps Chapel and the Smith and Hart trios of Little Rock were with us and rendered numerous musical selections throughout the convention which were enjoyed.

The speakers of the convention were Brothers W. C. Howard, R. E. Shaw, W. G. Mims, Odis Smith, our state overseer, and Claude McGee. Saturday after-

noon the pastors were given an opportunity to report on their churches. We thank God for the good that is being done at each place. Our state overseer delivered a soul-stirring message on missions. The mission offering was \$12.26 in cash, \$21.00 in pledges and three hens.

Great hospitality was shown throughout the convention to the visiting delegates. We enjoyed a sumptuous feast Sunday, prepared by the ladies of this and adjoining communities.

With the help of our good pastor, W. A. Ledford, the Y. P. E. and L. W. W. B. at the Dyer Church of God are coming to the front. We have installed a piano and have money for repair work on the church.—Pauline Givans, Y. P. E. president.

St. Joseph, Mo. Dist. Conv'n.

The St. Joseph, Mo. district convention convened April 8-10 at the North St. Joseph church. It was somewhat discouraging at the beginning as the country was in one of the worst snow storms of the season, roads being blocked by snow drifts and ice, keeping a number of the delegates away and our precious Brother Marcum, state overseer, not being able to attend on account of injuries received in a car wreck, but our heavenly Father smiled on us by the presence of the Holy Ghost from the first song until the close of the convention. The speakers all seemed to be at their best and the attendance was extra large. We were blessed with the presence of our state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother R. E. Worley and Brothers Swarts and Boyd and other ministers of other denominations. We are entering into a revival with Brother George Tate and his helper, Brother Jones Ross of West Virginia, as evangelists. They have just closed one of the best revivals in years at the south church. We covet the prayers of all that the Lord will bless us with an old-time Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Ghost.—T. J. Milligan, district overseer, 411 E. Highland Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.

Dunn, La. Dist. Convention

The Dunn, La. district convention convened April 1-3 at Epps, La. with Brother Clyde C. Cox, state overseer, in charge.

Friday night we enjoyed several special songs by Brother Alexandria. Sister F. W. Alexandria of Jena, La. brought a good message followed by an altar call.

Saturday morning a small band of us gathered at the church and sang, prayed and testified. Each minister present was called upon for a five-minute talk. God blessed. Brother Cox made a short talk

and our souls were lifted higher. Saturday night Brother O. B. Myrick made a short, heart-touching talk after which Brother Cox preached and many came to the altar.

Sunday morning we enjoyed a soul-stirring message on "Missions" by Brother Cox. Many responded to this worthy cause and an offering of \$60.28 was given. At noon we spread dinner at the church. Not only the members, but outside people co-operated with us and brought well-filled baskets. The afternoon service was taken up with good choir singing, specials and reports. God was with us from the first until the last. We sincerely enjoyed the convention and are still enjoying the blessings of God.—Mrs. Lawrence L. Harper, Epps, La.

Little Rock, Ark. Dist. Convention

The Little Rock, Ark. district convention has come and gone, and oh, how God did bless from the very first service, with Brother R. E. Shaw, district pastor, presiding and speaking that night, this being the first convention of this kind to ever be held in Little Rock. There are only three Churches of God on this district and two of them have just recently been set in order. We had a nice group of preachers from various movements with us which we enjoyed very much. And say, a wonderful work is being done through and by our good state overseer, Brother Odis Smith. He surely has the work at heart and is making a success of it in this state. The churches reported one hundred per cent.

The speakers were: Brothers Strickland, Odis Smith, R. E. Shaw, Fred Moore, W. I. Burford, H. D. Pipkin, H. D. Herrington and Allen and Evangelist McPherison. We had special singing by the teacher, J. H. Hart, and trios and choir singing as he arranged them. The good testimonies and shouts were well enjoyed.

The Lord is especially blessing in the way of the mission work and offerings as the collection was \$10.50 cash and \$16.00 in pledges to be paid by the state convention, for which we are thankful.

We are expecting God to do great things for us this year as the time is nigh at hand for His Son to come again. We surely are trying to stand by those who suffer for the Lord. Remember us in Arkansas and pray much for the Church to progress.—Willard Gentry, 2nd St., Benton, Ark.

Cantwell, Mo. Dist. Conv'n.

The Cantwell, Mo. district convention convened at Leadwood, Mo., April 1-3, with Brother John O. Yates, district pastor, in charge. The convention was good although we greatly missed our state overseer. He was returning home

from the first service and had a automobile accident which hurt them badly—broke and fractured some bones and cut them badly and tore up the car, so they were deprived of being in the remainder of the convention.

The dear Lord graciously blessed the speakers in their messages, who were as follows: M. G. Swarts, Raymond Hall, Isaac Sumpter and the third response to the welcome address was a good offering for the orphans from the good people, G. W. Messer, Sister Effie Wills, Leslie Orrick, John O. Yates, the writer and R. E. Worley.

We had reports of the churches. Some had better reports than others but all were good. May the Lord bless His laborers in this large field and help us to get busy and evangelize Missouri before He comes. The mission offering was \$6.25.—Your servant, J. L. Underwood, Box 94, Desloge, Mo.

Letcher Dist. Convention

A good district convention closed Sunday evening, April 10. Brother T. M. McClendon, state overseer, was in charge. The house was filled the first service and God blessed wonderfully. God was with us throughout the entire convention. Every speaker seemed to be at his best and the crowd seemed to be stirred with their fiery messages.

In spite of all the depression and the district being small, only six small churches, we had a good report. We have gained fifty-two new members this year and our mission offering was \$21.07, also at the Sunday morning service Brother Keith, pastor of Millstone church, made a talk on "The Need of the Paper" and we secured twenty-two subscriptions for the Evangel. We will never be able to tell all the good that was done. The L. W. W. B. in the Letcher district is doing fine. All pray for us.—D. N. Baker, district overseer, N. Thorton, Ky.

BIG SPRING, Tex.—We praise God for His good blessings here at Big Spring and for the good Church of God. We have been having wonderful services and the Holy Ghost has been in our midst and also the good Lord has seen fit to give us an interpreter. We want to stay in the center of the Lord's will where we can be worthy of His good blessing that He is seeing fit to pour out on us here.

We have a wonderful pastor and wife and we thank the Lord for them. I believe the good saints all love them and I am praying that if it is the Lord's will we will have them with us another year.

We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing Wednesday night, April 13. We had a wonderful time in the Lord, the power of God fell in a wonderful

way. Some danced and talked in tongues. We had sunrise service Sunday morning. The Lord was good to us, He met us there and blessed each one and I am praising God for this good blessing that is for all who will accept it. We had Brother and Sister Wood from New Mexico with us Sunday. Bro. Wood preached Sunday morning and Sister Wood preached for us Sunday night. We thank the Lord for having them with us.—Mrs. Margie Cook.

Joplin, Mo. Dist. Convention

The Joplin district convention convened at Brighton, Mo., April 15-17, 1938. Our state overseer, H. L. Marcum, wasn't able to attend due to illness, but we hope he is better by now.

After the welcome address by Brother O. B. Presley, response was given by B. F. Clark, T. C. Mead, Brother Boyd, Geneva Presley and Vera Tindall. We were favored with special singing throughout the convention which was enjoyed and appreciated. The speakers at this convention were Sister Pilgrim, Mrs. J. B. Clark, Brother B. F. Clark, Brother Ray Randolph, Vera Tindall, Brother Campbell, overseer of Kansas, Brother O. C. Swadley, Brother R. E. Worley, state Sunday School superintendent, and Brother Swarts.

Saturday afternoon the reports of the churches were given. The churches of this district are Joplin, Brighton and Rich Hill. On Saturday evening we had a short young people's service. After a talk on the orphans Sunday morning a collection for same was taken, which amounted to \$6.00. Sunday afternoon the mission offering was taken, which, together with the pledges, amounted to \$18.00.

We were glad to have the students of the Central Bible Institute with us and appreciated their services in the convention, also appreciate the special music. We feel this convention was worth while and promoted the good fellowship of our churches. It was a success and enjoyed by all.—Eunice Presley, clerk.

Kentucky River District Convention

The Kentucky River district convention convened at Blue Diamond Church of God, April 15-17. We had large attendance for the convention. The messages by the different speakers were enjoyed and were soul food. Thirty-two subscriptions were secured for the Evangel. The Lord was with us from the first song to the very last amen. We had fine music and singing. We were also favored with good instrumentals and singing by J. C. McClendon and George Barker, who at this time are traveling with our state overseer, Brother T. M. McClendon.

The speakers of the convention were Brothers John Newton, T. M. Basham, Clark Napier, Fred Strunk, T. M. McClendon, James Dixon, Willie Davis and Marion Hensley. A mission offering was taken on Sunday morning amounting to \$40.96. An offering was also taken for our state overseer.—Miss Helen Begley, convention clerk.

Cleveland, Miss. District Convention

The Cleveland, Miss. district convention convened at Greenville, Miss., April 15-17. The convention opened with concert prayer, song and scripture reading by Brother Godwin, state overseer, followed by the welcome address by the local pastor and response to same by several. Then followed the L. W. W. B. service which was enjoyed. Brother L. H. Brewer brought the evening message which was also enjoyed.

Saturday afternoon we had questions and answers on the church program. Saturday evening the Lord met with us and blessed. The message of the evening was delivered by Brother Godwin, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Sunday morning we had our Sunday School program which was enjoyed. Brother Godwin then brought a message. After a talk on missions we took up the mission offering which amounted to \$63.52 in cash and \$37.00 in pledges, making a total of \$100.52, for which we thank the Lord. I believe this was one of the best conventions I have witnessed in a long time. Well, glory to God for its success.—Roy Douglas, pastor, Moorhead, Miss.

Maud, Okla. Dist. Conv'n.

The Maud, Okla. district convention convened at Seminole, March 11-13. Friday evening Brother Schneidmueller, district pastor, opened the convention. Brother Sharp, our pastor, gave the welcome address. Brother Bloomingdale, our state overseer, brought the message, which was wonderful.

We had several other visiting ministers from other districts including Brother and Sister Henderson of Oklahoma City and Brother and Sister Curtsinger of Ada. Brother Curtsinger, our former pastor, led the praise service enjoyed by everyone.

Saturday night Brother Bloomingdale brought the message.

Sunday morning Brother Shahan brought the message. Sunday afternoon each church of the district was represented and gave its report.—Ada Luckinbill, clerk.

Dora District Convention

The Dora district convention which convened at Sumiton, Ala. April 22-24 was a wonderful convention. Many said

it was the best convention Dora district has ever had.

This convention was held in the big tabernacle and most of the services every seat was filled. The Lord manifested His power in a most wonderful way. At times the people would be shouting and running from one side to the other, many shouting, others weeping. I believe this is one of the best conventions I have ever attended.

Each church reported one hundred per cent on the Assembly teachings. A foreign mission offering of \$60.00 was taken, also forty subscriptions for the Evangel. An offering for the state overseer amounted to \$50.00.

The ministers and members worked faithfully and made a sacrifice to make this convention a success. Surely, surely God will bless these people a hundred-fold for their faithful service. Our state overseer, Brother Whittington, stayed over and preached Sunday night after the closing of the convention for the Sumiton church. The altar was filled and a number was blessed. This convention will not be soon forgotten.—Evis Chandler, convention secretary.

Charlotte, N. C. District Convention

The Charlotte district convention convened at the Belmont Church of God, April 8-10, 1938, with our district overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons, in charge. Among those present off the district were Brother Phillips, ex-pastor of the Belmont church, and Brother Elmo Jennings of Asheville.

A hearty welcome address was given us by the pastor, Brother A. V. Childers. Response was given by Mrs. Fred L. Davis, Elmo Jennings, and Brother Phillips. Brother Hathcock then preached. This was enjoyed by all. Brother Williams then gave remarks on the same subject preached by Brother Hathcock. Brother Looney of High Shoals preached a wonderful sermon. It was enjoyed by all.

Saturday evening Brother Williams preached and the need of the Evangel was spoken on.

Sunday morning Brother A. V. Childers preached on Sunday School. Brother Williams followed with a fine message. This was indeed a wonderful message. The afternoon was given to the reports of the churches. This revealed many wonderful reports. The mission offering was taken on Sunday morning amounting to \$82.12. This is the greatest offering given to date in the state.

The convention closed with all encouraged and looking forward to the state convention which is to convene May 26-29. We feel we can say this was one of the greatest district conventions

ever held.—W. W. Harmon, clerk of convention.

McMinnville, Tenn. District Convention

The McMinnville district convention convened at Campaign, Tenn., April 8-10. The service opened Friday evening with a large crowd and our district pastor, Brother W. S. Wilemon, in charge. Everyone seemed to feel welcome after the welcome address and the dear Lord blessed from the beginning. We were very much disappointed when we learned our state overseer, Brother Cross, could not be with us, he being away on business, but we were made glad when Brother E. J. Boehmer, our former pastor, came in. He brought the evening message which was uplifting.

We gathered back for service Saturday evening with several speakers on the program; namely, Brother Bennett, Brother W. E. Johnson and Brother Hooper Maxwell. These talks were very much enjoyed and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. We were favored with special music and singing by the string band of Campaign and the Grissom quartet of Bone Cave.

Sunday was a day enjoyed by all. The speakers were Brothers A. J. Durham, and H. K. Keith. A mission offering was taken amounting to \$25.00. We also enjoyed special music rendered by the string band from Pikeville. Dinner was then spread. In the afternoon we had several short talks by Brother B. T. Grissom, Brother Richard Tanner, Brother Lud and Brother Foshee. Then to our surprise, when the convention was coming to a close, the door opened and in walked our state overseer, Brother Cross, our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, and his wife and Brother R. R. Walker, and we were made to rejoice because of their soul-stirring talks. We regret very much that they could not be with us through the convention and hope they will be with us sometime again.—E. Greene, Campaign, Tenn.

Beulah, N. Dak. Dist. Convention a Great Success

The Beulah district convention is now history but it will long remain in our minds and hearts as the greatest spiritual convocation we were ever privileged to attend. Brother Rafferty, the district overseer, is to be credited for all he did to make the convention the success it was. He was untiring in his efforts to see that all the delegates were well entertained, and the entertainment committee managed things so well that not one complaint was heard. Brother F. W. Lemons, overseer of North Dakota, was present and conducted the program which was a success in every way.

The convention started Saturday morning, April 16, and fine services were enjoyed throughout the day. God's good Holy Ghost was felt by many. The messages for the day were brought by Brother Bober of Ryder, Brother Syver-son of Lignite, and Brother Alvin Thompson of Mobridge. About four hundred filled the spacious auditorium at the evening service and the delegates were welcomed by a city representative. A great altar service followed. The high school gymnasium was filled, not with the shouts of basketball fans but with the ardent praise of a people filled with the praises of God. Many were blessed.

Sunday morning another good time was enjoyed. Sister Henrietta Sanders of Halliday spoke on "Maintaining a Sunday School" and Brother Saylor brought a German message. Many German songs were sung, directed by Sister Tiedman of Hebron. (The Germans are fine singers.)

At noon of both days a fine dinner was served at the church by the good sisters.

Sunday afternoon we went back to the school gym for our mission program. The Bible School was boosted by Sister Lorraine Boeckel and Sister Bernice Lilly of Beulah, student of the last term of school at Lemmon, S. Dak. Testimonies were given by several. Then the subject of "Missions" was dealt with. This subject is coming to the front in the Northwest. Sister Tiedman spoke and an offering was taken by D. C. Boatwright, which amounted to \$51.00. Subscriptions for the Evangel were taken.

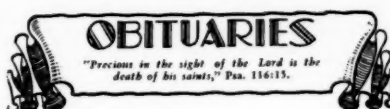
The closing night of the convention brought many good special songs. The Evangelistic Quartet was at its best, also the Albers Trio, three sisters who have consecrated their talent to His cause. Other duets and trios were featured. D. C. Boatwright brought the evening message. Six were saved during the altar service which followed. About ten joined the church.

D. C. Boatwright, who has been conducting a revival at Beulah for the past three weeks, continues the meeting. The end is not yet. About thirty have been saved. Many of this number are men, fathers, heads of families. Large crowds attend each evening. The city of Beulah is stirred. Pray for the work here.—D. C. Boatwright.

Florida State Camp Meeting, State Convention and Bible School

It is just a few days now until many of you will be coming to the old camp ground at Wimauma, Florida from all directions, greeting old friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord together with that good fellowship that exists in the

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TERVEY

Brother Lawrence Tervev of Savoy, Ky. left this world to be with Jesus April 15, 1938 at the age of fifty-two years. He had been a member of the Church of God for a short time. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Brother Starling Smith, at the Williamsburg Church of God. Interment was made in the Highland cemetery.—Sallie Smith, Williamsburg, Ky.

THOMAS

On April 21, 1938 the Lord called our beloved sister, Mary Ann Thomas, wife of F. M. Thomas, to be with Him. She was seventy-eight years, eleven months and twenty-one days old. She was filled with the Holy Ghost. The funeral service was held by her pastor, Brother Starling Smith, and interment was made in the Highland cemetery.—Sallie Smith, Williamsburg, Ky.

TOWNS

On March 6, 1938 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister James Towns and claimed Myrtice Towns, darling baby, age fourteen months. The funeral was conducted by Brother Will Livingstone and her body laid to rest in Livingstone cemetery.—Written by her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Hester, Towns, Ga.

BRADLEY

Sister Hattie Bradley, faithful member of Andrews Church of God, was born May 15, 1879 and died April 3, 1938. Interment was made in Andrews cemetery. She is greatly missed by her church and Sunday School.—Mrs. Maxine Sprinkle, leader, Andrews, N. C.

SANDERSON

The death angel took my darling mother, Mollie Sanderson, away. She was seventy-seven years, eight months and sixteen days old. Mother, we are so sad and lonely since you went away, but one day we will meet you to be forever with Jesus.—Her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Burton, Eupora, Miss.

HAINES

Josephus Sandruss Haines was born April 19, 1938 and died April 20. Funeral service was conducted April 21, by Sister Lena Bowman and interment made in Bell cemetery at Bud, W. Va.

GRAY

On April 8 the death angel called Brother John Zagona Gray. He was born June 4, 1870 and died April 8, 1938, age sixty-seven years, ten months and four

days. Brother Gray was converted in 1910 and lived true to Christ to the end. Funeral service was conducted by the writer and interment made in Needmore cemetery. Pray for his family.—Golden Griffin, Cave City, Ark.

BARWICK

Little Hazel Barwick was born Oct. 14, 1936 and died April 7, 1938. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Gary Jackson and interment made in New Hope cemetery.—Mrs. Maggie Wooten, Jesup, Ga.

STEEP

On April 16, 1938 little Peggy Stepp went home to be with Jesus. She was born June 3, 1935. Her body was laid to rest in the Church of God cemetery at McCaysville, Ga. The funeral was conducted by the writer.—Robert Bell, pastor, Copperhill, Tenn.

MACKVAY

On April 8, 1938 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Mackvay and claimed their darling baby, little James Clifton, age fourteen months. May God bless them. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Brother R. L. Cameron, and the remains were laid to rest at Liberty church.—One who loves them, Ellen Peak, Booneville, Miss.

MISSION PAGE

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material used in Jamaica has to be imported from abroad, making it rather expensive. Then too, building lots are very high, considering business conditions in the colony. One brother offered to sell his home and help in the building of a church, but this is probably out of the question, and most of the people are so desperately poor in finances that we may have to assume the full burden of responsibility, especially for the lot, which will cost around \$600.00. Please pray that this great need may be met, and if you have anything to give, be it ever so small, God will reward you in proportion to the spirit of giving that is back of it. The motive means everything. Send any offerings so designated to E. J. Boehmer, General Secretary and Treasurer, Cleveland, Tennessee. I should like to remind the brethren and friends, that we have arrangements whereby any one can send special offerings designated for any of our missions or missionaries abroad. These gifts, however, should be over and above the regular quota to be raised in the churches, and in no event should they be sent direct. The reason for this is to avoid any irregularities and, too, it is more satisfactory in many respects.

I am not through with this report, as I have other "good news" from Costa

Rica, Panama, Guatemala, China, Hawaii, South America—something very special from South America. The way people are reacting to our two world-mission tours is more than gratifying. In another report following close upon the heels of this one, I will give an account of the wonderful work that is opening up to us in Egypt—from all appearances. A great stir is on to say the least. The people have a mind to work, and it is high time we were up and doing. Let us work, watch and pray. Often we have not because we ask not—in faith believing, for otherwise all things are possible to him that believeth.



KIRKSVILLE, Mo.—We have enjoyed two good revivals this year. The first one was conducted by Brother Powell and I. We had a blessed revival. It lasted six weeks. Devils were cast out of one and some wonderful healings performed. Two received the sweet Holy Ghost, three were reclaimed and three added to the church.

For our second revival Brother H. R. Law did the preaching. God wonderfully blessed him in bringing forth the Word. We had eighteen in the altar, twelve were saved, and seven sanctified.—H. E. Buntin, pastor, 407 W. Scott St.

WEST BLOCTON, Ala.—We have just closed a five weeks' revival at Johns, Ala. and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There were twelve saved, ten sanctified and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. We also set a church in order there with eleven members and expect to increase that to about thirty in a few weeks. We are at the present at the Vernon school community, out from West Blocton and the Lord is blessing. Many are being healed and backsliders are coming back to the Lord and souls are being saved. We desire the prayers of the Church for the work here and that we can set a church in order here too.

We had a sunrise service Sunday, the 24th. The power fell and we had a wonderful time in the Lord.—James E. White, evangelist, Rt. 2.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—God is blessing here in a wonderful way. A revival has been running five weeks with Brother J. W. Brook from South Carolina as evangelist. There have been twenty saved, six sanctified and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. Crowds are large and interest good.—Anna E. Landes, pastor.

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Dear saints, please pray for my mother-in-law, who has a goitre, that the Lord will increase her faith and heal her if it is His will.—Mrs. J. T. Murray, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

Please remember the Warren Miller family in special prayer for healing. Two of their children are seriously ill.—Mrs. R. C. Hugendubler, 1346 Derry Rd., Palmyra, Pa.

Dear saints, pray that I will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray that my husband will be saved. Pray that my family will be drawn closer to God and that I will do His will. Pray for my body to be healed and for my four children to be saved. Brother Rouse, please pray for us. If anyone feels led to fast and pray, please do so. I have many hard burdens, trials and temptations to bear.—Mrs. W. D. Hamrick, Rt. 1, Roswell, Ga.

Please pray for my daughter, she has a cancer on her nose. Also pray for my unsaved brother, he has a cancer on his lip and is suffering terribly.—Mrs. Ada Miller, Rt. 1, Point, Tex.

Please pray for Mr. and Mrs. Colvert of Smithville, Tenn. Pray that God will save Mr. Colvert. Also pray for an unspoken request as soon as you read this.—C. L. White, Riviera, Fla.

Please pray earnestly for my father who is in bad health. Pray that he will seek God and be saved before it is too late. Pray for the community and the people who are seeking God here. Pray that He will give us a great revival and that we will all stand true. Pray for my mother and two of my friends to be healed, also pray for my loved ones who are unsaved.—Mrs. Mazie Greenlee, Rt. 1, Indianola, Miss.

I praise God for answering prayer and giving us a church at South Pittsburg, Tenn. Pray for us to grow in grace and stand true to God. Please pray for Sister Beulah Ervin to be healed. Also pray for my body to be healed, my health is bad. Pray as soon as you read this.—Bessie Samples, S. Pittsburg, Tenn.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my daddy that he will come to the Lord. Pray that God's will will be done in my life and that He will lead me by His mighty hand.—Virginia Bennett, Lockhart, S. C.

Dear saints, will you please join me in prayer for an unspoken request? God knows all about my trials and tempta-

tions. Please pray until the burden is removed. I am hindered from going to church like I once did. Please pray until victory comes.—Mrs. Lee A. Morgan, Guyon, W. Va.

Dear saints, I praise the Lord because He brought my boy home and he is here with me tonight. Please pray that I will go all the way. Pray for my children and husband to be saved before it is too late. Pray that God will supply our needs for I am left alone with these children to support. Pray that I will stay humble. We have no church; pray that God will open a way for me to go to camp meeting this year.—Mrs. C. C. Alley, Lake Helen, Fla.

Dear saints, I am so glad for what the Lord has done for me. I had been in bed three years with T. B. Some Church of God folk came and prayed for me several times and I sent a request to the Evangel for prayer. I have been getting better ever since. I couldn't be up a bit, now I can sit up most all day. I am gaining in every way. I am able to go out on the porch now.

I thank every one who is praying for me and all who have sent me literature and letters and for the subscription to the Evangel. It all has been a great help to me. My people are getting closer to God. Keep praying for me and for them to get saved. I want to go all the way with Jesus and do His will at all times. May the Lord bless each one is my prayer.—Ruby Smith, Rt. 1, Eden, Ala.

Please pray that God will undertake and have His way and pray that I will grow stronger in the Lord. I am trusting Him to be the healer of our home. Our baby died three weeks ago. People wanted to doctor him but I promised the Lord I would trust Him to the end and I am going to keep my promise. Please pray that I will forever trust Him. Sometime ago I sent in a request for healing. I am better but not well, so pray that God will completely heal me and give me more faith. Also pray for my grandmother who is old and has been sick for sometime. If God doesn't undertake in some way, she won't be here long. Pray that God will touch her body and make her whole, save, sanctify and give her the Holy Ghost. Pray for my father, mother, sister and her husband that God will humble them in some way. Pray for our church here that it will rise and shine for Jesus and that I will stay humble and God will have His way in my life and home.—Mrs. Bessie Lena, Rt. 1, West Point, Tenn.

Pray that my husband will receive the Holy Ghost. Pray for me to walk close to God at all times and do His

sweet will.—Mrs. M. G. Pearson, Rt. Wauchula, Fla.

Pray that I will get sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. I have many loved ones in sin. Pray that God will save every one of them before it is too late. On the 14th of March my dear daddy went on to be with Jesus and it's my whole heart's desire to meet him in heaven some day. Pray much for me for I realize it will take the whole armor of God to make heaven.—Goldie Postlewait, Rt. 2, Konawa, Okla.

Please pray for my husband who is seriously ill in the Selma, Ala. hospital. I know God is able to heal him.—Lucile Mauldin, Thomasville, Ala.

Pray for me that I will overcome something which the devil is trying his best to overcome me with. Please pray for my husband to be led by the Lord in spite of the enemy. Also pray for an unspoken request that God knows all about. Pray and fast for this.—Mrs. Lillie Griffin, Birmingham, Ala.

Dear saints, please pray for our pastor's wife who is in bad health. Pray for an unspoken request. Also pray that my lost loved ones will be saved before it is too late. I have a daughter whose health is bad, pray that God will heal and save her before it is too late.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Ga.

Please pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost, he is seeking Him. Pray that I will have faith until Jesus comes for me.—Mrs. H. T. Jackson, Homerville, Ga.

Please pray that God will have His way and not let our precious church here be torn up as Satan is just about to do.—Evie Lee Morris, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Please pray a special prayer for Brother Marvin Craft's baby. It had pneumonia and measles and now has side pleurisy. It is now in a serious condition. Pray that God will heal it.—Cecil Vessey, Anniston, Ala.

Please pray for my head. Also pray that God will help us get a church here. We need one so badly. I also have an unspoken request, God knows all about it. The devil is working so hard. Pray for my wife's health, it is bad. Pray that He will give us grace to stand and be ready to go when He comes or calls.—Frank Yancey, Donna, Tex.

Dear saints, please pray for my eyes to be healed. Pray for my father to be healed. I also have an unspoken request. Please pray that God will answer them, if it is His will. Brother Rouse, please pray for these requests.—Mrs. Ola Sisk, Gilkey, N. C.

Please pray for my unsaved brothers and sisters that they will be saved before it is too late. Pray that I'll ever be true and humble.—Miss Alice York, 154 Pendleton St., Marion, Va.

Dear saints, we are trying to start a work here in Summerville, Ga. for the Lord. Please pray that we will get a church here, the devil is trying hard to defeat us. They have set a church in order at Trion, Ga. Please pray for them.—Mrs. Rosa Wilson, Summerville, Ga., Rt. 2.

I praise the Lord for healing me the other night of a severe hurting in my lungs. It's wonderful to know the Lord and trust Him for our healing. Please pray for me, I want to stay humble and please the Master. Also pray for my grandmother who is very sick.—Clyde Holland, Star Rt., Houston, Miss.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my little baby and me that the Lord will heal our bodies. My baby seems to have a smothering in its nostrils which bothers it so much and it has a breaking out on its face and head. Brother Rouse, please pray for him to be healed of everything. Also pray for my afflicted body.—Eula L. McGee, Rt. 1, Star, Miss.

Dear saints, please pray earnestly for the healing of my body. I have been operated on for appendicitis and am not getting along well. Brother Rouse, please pray for me. Pray that I will do more for the Lord than I have.—Mrs. Cumie Dunaway, Rt. 1, Foxworth, Miss.

Please pray for my body. I am praying and fasting and going through a valley.—Amelia Shumaker, 221 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Dear saints, for the sake of my soul and the lost world please pray for me. I have a husband and two little boys. About four years ago God called me to preach the Word. I acted a Jonah. Please pray until your prayers go through. Letters of encouragement will be appreciated.—Mrs. Vera Ellis, Sumiton, Ala.

Please pray for God to heal my body. He knows what is wrong. Please pray earnestly for me and for God to completely heal me.—Mrs. Tobe Morris, Rt. 2, Gibson, Ga.

Please pray for my dear old mother, she has a crippled foot and a large bunion on the bottom and it is sore. My brother has stomach and kidney trouble. He has such bad spells and is not able to work. Please pray that God will heal him. Pray for me as I have kidney trouble. Please pray earnestly for all of us. Please pray for my husband, he drinks. Also pray for my family.—Mrs. Floyd

P. Barley, Aransas Pass, Tex.

Dear saints, my wife and I are afflicted in our bodies. Please ask God to heal us. I want special prayers of all the elders of the Church, the enemy is making it so hard for me until I can hardly get along but I am still trusting God for deliverance.—Thomas Briggs and wife, N. Matewan, W. Va.

I desire an interest in your prayers that I may know the will of the Lord. I am now facing the darkest hour of my life and surely need your prayers. Anyone having a new field on your heart and would desire my heart, please let me know, as I am in this work for the remainder of the year. Please pray a special prayer for me.—O. M. McKinney, East Marion, N. C.

Dear readers, I have bad kidney trouble, am also very nervous. Please pray a prayer of faith for me to be healed, D. V. Pray that I will be true to the Lord. Pray for my husband and all of my children and loved ones to be saved.—Clara Casted, Rt. 1, Shelbyville, Tenn.

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my eyes. I have just had the measles and they have afflicted my eyes very badly. Also pray a special prayer for my sister who is badly afflicted with lung trouble.—Mrs. Edna French, Rt. 2, Box 40, Cave City, Ark.

Please pray for my mother that God will heal her body. She is in a very serious condition. If anyone feels led to send her an anointed cloth, please do so. Her address is Mrs. Arela Moore, Milton, W. Va. Also pray for my unsaved husband and brothers.—Mrs. Inez Gillinwater, Hamlin, W. Va.

Please pray for Sallie Davis, my baby boy and me that God will heal us. We are afflicted with rheumatism. Sister Davis hasn't walked in four weeks. Brother Rouse, please pray for us. Pray that the Lord will provide us a place of worship. There are so many children and young folks here and there is no place for a Sunday School. I feel like someone will be responsible at the day of judgment for these precious souls, and we are so lonely without a church or Sunday School.—Lillie Melton, Hayesville, N. C.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for our baby. He has been having fever for about fifteen days. We are trusting God for his healing. Also pray for a little girl near Selmer, Tenn. who has a cancer on her head.—Mrs. R. C. Ogle, Rt. 1, High, Tex.

Please pray for my throat. I sing in the Smith quartet and believe it is the Lord's will, but my throat is ulcerated

and is very bad and unless the Lord undertakes for me I will have to quit singing. I trust the Lord with my body.—Ernest Smith, Lindale, Ga.

Please pray earnestly that God will move in some way, I believe God will answer prayer. Anyone who would like to have someone to work with them in the work of the Lord may write me at Eagan, Tenn.—James Bostic.

Work For Every One To Do

TIFFIN, Ohio.—I am glad I still have joy and am pressing on. Oh, how I love Him tonight. I feel there is a work for each and everyone to do and I am praying for Him to place me in the building where He can get the most out of my life.

A few days ago I was praying and asked God to make a way so I could get a job and praise His name a few days later He answered my prayers. I got a job in the T. B. hospital. Before I went to work I prayed about it and I know that it is His will, for there are souls there who don't know God. If it is the Lord's will I am going to try and get Brother Barnard of Findlay, Ohio to come over some Sunday afternoon and preach to the people. There are many here who have never heard the old-time gospel. Pray much for me that God will use me for His glory.—A brother in Christ, James Herrald, c/o T. B. Hospital.

State Conventions

May 5-8—Indiana.
May 9-15—Florida (Colored Assembly), Jacksonville, Fla.
May 12-15—Iowa.
May 16-20—Ohio.
May 19-22—Missouri.
May 26-29—North Carolina.
June 23-26—Arkansas.
June 2-5—South Carolina.
June 2-5—Western Maryland and District of Columbia, Baltimore, Md.
June 9-12—Virginia.
June 9-12—Florida.
June 16-19—Mississippi.
June 16-19—West Virginia.
June 18-26—Michigan, Lake Odessa.
June 28-July 4—North Dakota.
July 1-3—Tennessee, Knoxville.
July 7-10—New Mexico.
July 7-10—Maryland.
July 14-17—Oklahoma.
July 14-17—Georgia.
July 21-24—Kansas.
July 21-24—Alabama.
July 28-31—Texas.
July 28-31—Kentucky.
August 4-7—Pennsylvania.
August 4-7—Louisiana.
August 11-14—Maine.

Thou Art Weighed

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in the country, towns and cities. I wonder what God sees when He looks down upon Chicago, New York and all of our great cities, the byways, parks and lowly shacks of our country. Remember that that which is hid today will be revealed and placed in balances in that day (judgment).

IDOLATRY

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me," Exod. 20:3. There is not so much to be mentioned concerning this because we all know what we worship, whether God or the gods of this world. Remember God is jealous and such gods as shows, parks, poodle dogs, finger, ear and nose rings, automobiles and all the gods of this world won't weigh out much but they will be a menace to you when you realize you have exchanged your soul for them.

WITCHCRAFT

Moses said, "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them." We have some witches and wizards today and they have deceived many. Even members of the church have been led away by their pernicious ways. If you'll listen to John and try the spirits you will never be entangled by these imps, the elect won't mingle with such people.

HATRED, VARIANCE, EMULATIONS, WRATH, STRIFE, SEDITIONS, HERESIES

These are not the same work but do work alike in some respects. I'm not going to be pessimistic and prophesy that these works will cause the Church to fail like some one who would delight in its ruin. Individuals may submit to their passions and fail God, but this great organization is going to ride the clouds with her Lord. Thank God for old-time, Holy Ghost religion that has filled her courts. These works are prevalent in the lives of some and it looks like they will die before they will obey the spirit of righteousness. They rub elbows and fail to greet with that godly love and fellowship. Their hatred and strife become so fiery until they devise plans for the greater sin. Jesus has already weighed their deeds. Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven." His will—Eph. 1:4, "That we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Bear in mind that God holds the same attitude toward us that we hold toward others, forgive and ye shall be forgiven.

ENVYINGS, MURDERS

These two work together, the one leads to the other. Envy has caused

many to commit murder; envy (bitter hatred) has caused many to lose their inheritance with God and heaven. John said, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him," 1 John 3:15. Peter admonished the saints to lay it aside, 1 Peter 2:1. Moses said, "Thou shalt not kill." There is no need stressing the fact that murder has increased. You are well informed by your daily newspapers and radio.

DRUNKENNESS

Drink has caused the fall of many men and women, both young and old, but thank God for those who have become sickened of this wrong and turned their faces heavenward, crying out against the unwise who are deceived thereby. I lift my voice in the cry with those who oppose it. Numbers of times when just a little boy I have seen liquor by the barrels set up in my home. I have known its influence even to unconsciousness, but today I'm free and acquainted unto salvation. The repeal has failed and real facts about the liquor problem portray its folly. In days of saloons we had 177,000. In days of taverns (repeal) we have 450,000 modern, up-to-date saloons whose bars are tended by young women. Ha! the old gray headed man can't sell legalized liquors, we want young, attractive women. They have 1,000,000 tending bars in different places of business, by far more than we have in colleges. 3,000,000 children are born annually of drunken parents. Of this number one half million are idiots; 300,000 are born deaf, dumb or blind.

Bootleggers defraud the government of nearly \$2,000,000 annually. Crime increases as drink increases, beer 700 per cent, whiskey 1500 per cent (1937). People of God, let's arm ourselves against this wrong.

REVELLING (RIOUS FEASTING)

Paul said to the Corinthians, 2 Cor. 6:17, 18; 2 Cor. 7:1, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and, I will receive you, and be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." You know well what caused Belshazzar to do wrong—reveling, riotous feasting, defiling God's vessels. Beware lest ye also fall into this abominable thing. If you don't come out from among them you will soon partake of their evil. Pastors and Church, what in your opinion is reveling? What does the world term it? Let's obey the Spirit lest we fall into the snare of the devil. When we use

God's house for worship then we know we're right, but when we're in doubt, "take heed unto yourselves and all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." You'll give an account as one watching for their souls. "If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things," 1 John 3:20. He knows and will weigh our deeds at the last days.

Many celebrate with revellings, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July, Roosevelt's birthday for the lame and afflicted, but how many of us feast in our chamber of prayer on God's manna (righteousness)? We had better engage in prayer and service to God, leaving off revellings. They sometimes lead to evil. Belshazzar's wrong (feast) caused him to lose that which he had, it was taken from him, divided and given to others while his soul was cast into the regions of the damned (darkness). If people who are guilty of these offences won't repent and do His commandments, they too shall be destroyed. Matt. 25:28-30. I'll write this for fear you neglect to read it. "Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Remember, he was still a servant until his lord returned. Is your service pleasing to God? Rev. 22:14, "Blessed are they that do his commandments."

WHAT THEN?

(Malachi 4:1)

When the great plants of our cities
Have turned out their last finished
work;

When our merchants have sold their
last yard of silk

And dismissed the last tired clerk;

When our banks have raked in their
last dollar

And paid the last dividend;

When the judge of the earth says, "Close
for the night,"

And they're placed in the balance,

What then?

When the choir has sung its last anthem,
And the preacher has prayed his last
prayer;

When the people have heard their last
sermon

And the sound has died out on the air;

When the Bible lies closed on the altar

And the pews are all empty of men,

And each one stands facing his record,
And they're placed in a balance,

What then?

When the actors have played their last

drama,
And the mimic has made his last fun;
When the film has flashed its last picture
And the billboard displayed its last run;
When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished
And gone out in the darkness again;
When the trumpet of ages is sounded
And they're placed in a balance,
What then?

When the bugle's call sinks into silence
And the long marching columns stand still;
When the captain repeats his last orders,
And they've captured the last fort and hill,
And the flag has been hauled from the masthead
And the wounded afield checked in,
And a world that rejected its Savior
Is placed in the balance,
What then?

—Sel.

EDITORIALS

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body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive," Eph. 4:11-14.

In the scriptures above are the duties of the pastors or the purpose for which they are provided. It is a very sacred thing to be a pastor, leader, or teacher, and one to fill this place in the truest sense must be a servant or shepherd. Jesus said He was the Great Shepherd of the sheep. The shepherd must be willing to lay down his life for the sheep. In Oriental times when a flock of sheep was delivered to a shepherd they were counted out to him and he had to be responsible for each one of them. If they were devoured by wild beasts he had to bring some showing, either a hoof or some part to show that the sheep had been destroyed. I wonder what God will say when we all come to the judgment, to those who have driven the flock away in place of loving and trying to restore, seeking to find defects and flaws by which they may accuse them. This is not the condition in every case. There are many good pastors and shepherds who are trying to build up and restore those who are influenced by Satan and his powers and yet there may be some who are careless and indifferent and think more about the support than they do the care of the flock.

Now what I have said about the careless and indifferent pastors does not ap-

ply to the faithful and those who are doing their best to care for the flock. But should there be any that are neglectful and careless they will complain. What I have written has been for the purpose of being a blessing to the ministry and not to criticize. We are certainly in the last days and we need the blessings of God in our hearts and need to bestir ourselves so that we will not be found wanting.

NOTICES

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To whom it may concern: Through a mistake the Beechfork, W. Va. church was left out of our last Assembly Minutes and we have just learned that by consent of the state overseer the church has been changed to Hartwell.—E. J. Boehmer General Secretary and Treasurer.

There will be a home coming at the McCaysville church, McCaysville, Ga. May 15. We invite all the members who live away to come and bring an offering. Come on, preachers and singers and all who will. We hope to have a great time.—Robert Bell, pastor.

The Northeastern district convention of the Church of God, will convene at Catlettsburg, Ky. at the Church of God, May 20-22, 1938. We will expect all the ministers and as many of the laity as possible to attend this convention. Clerks, please check over your church books and see if you are up with your mission quota and other assessments, and if not, please make a special effort to be over the top with everything by convention time. Remember you are making a record this year, and if you don't get the best man in the state for your pastor next year, it may be because you did not co-operate with the one you have this year in putting the church program over. A special invitation is extended to all neighboring ministers and members of the Church of God in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio, and especially the McVeigh, (Ky.) and Huntington (W. Va.) districts to come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us in this convention. Everybody from everywhere is welcome. T. M. McClendon, state overseer, in charge.—T. P. Douglas, district pastor.

To the people of Tennessee:

I am very sorry to inform you that we ran short on state papers this time, although we printed one hundred more than we used to print. None of the new subscriptions or increase in rolls sent in for the last few days will be filled until next issue. I am very sorry about this but there is nothing I can do about it now.

I am back from Jamaica sooner than

we thought I would be able to get back, and will be at your service when needed.

We wish to thank Brother Johnson for his faithful service in caring for our work while we were away.—M. P. Cross, overseer of Tennessee.

Loran V. Hall and Burl Sumner have been dropped from our ministerial list this year, also disfellowshipped from the church.—Sincerely, E. M. Ellis, overseer of Florida.

I feel the call to be out in God's work. I am a girl who would like to get with an evangelist and his wife. I can play a guitar and sing some. I am willing to work for the Lord. Write Miss Lois Clark, Rt. 1, Box 224A, Candler, N. C.

The Oak Grove, Miss. district convention will convene at the Church of God at Oak Grove, May 20-22. All preachers on the district will be expected to be there for the first service. Clerks, bring a complete report of the work. Begin praying now for the success of this convention. We extend to one and all a cordial invitation to attend.—D. L. Barrett, district pastor, Red Bay, Ala. (Miss.)

The Church of God at Carson Springs, Tenn. takes this method to send forth a hearty welcome and an earnest plea that everyone who can be here at the church on the fifth Sunday in May, which will be the 29th.

We are planning an all-day service. We know the Lord is going to bless and if you don't come you will miss something good. Especially do we invite all the former pastors of this church, but don't forget that everyone is cordially invited to be here.—I. H. Brabson, pastor, Rt. 1, Newport, Tenn.

There will be a Mothers' Day service and dinner on the grounds at Central Grove the second Sunday in May, also baptismal service in the afternoon. Come and let's serve God together that day. Pray for the meeting going on now conducted by Sister Rose Peel.—Earl Powell, pastor, Rt. 2, Milan, Ga.

REVIVAL

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — A three weeks' revival has just closed here with good results. Three were saved, four reclaimed and six added to the church. The evangelist was our pastor's wife, Sister Lula B. Silvers, assisted by Brother Silvers and Brother Linder. We had good crowds and attention. Everyone was blessed and the sermons were really food to our souls. Please pray earnestly for the church here and all its efforts. Brother and Sister Silvers have been a real blessing to the church, so pray for them.—Sister Thelma Linder.

Florida State Camp Meeting

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hearts of true, loyal Church of God people, for the purpose of engaging in what we hope to be the greatest camp meeting in its history.

CAMP MEETING

The camp meeting begins the first Thursday in June, which will be June 2, and will continue ten days. We have a new roof on the tabernacle and a number of new cottages are going up which indicates an increased interest in this great feast. Reservations are being made in a hurry at this time and if you are interested in a place to stay you had better write H. R. Corley, Wimauma, Fla. I have been receiving letters from many of the good folk in and out of the state telling me they are praying for the camp meeting and believe we are going to have the best yet.

STATE CONVENTION

The state convention will convene during the camp meeting, June 9-12. Our General Overseer will be with us at this time. I am expecting all pastors to be up 100 per cent on all general requirements. District pastors, I am expecting you to see that every church on your district is up on missions and aged ministers' fund. I am setting aside the fifth Sunday in May as a special mission day. Every pastor will be expected to take an offering for missions to bring to the state convention. The General Assembly has said that every member should be given an opportunity to bring an offering to the state convention and in this way we will be giving them this opportunity. Please do not overlook this, pastors. You have worked splendidly with me this year and I am sure you will help out in this most-needed work. You will be given recognition in the convention concerning this special offering.

BIBLE SCHOOL

The General Overseer, Superintendent of Education and state overseer met in Tampa with the Florida School Board and outlined the work for the school which is to begin June 13. This school has been a great blessing to the state of Florida and we are expecting it to be a success this year. Brother Tharp will be in charge again this year and I am sure this will rejoice your heart to know you will again be privileged to study under the General Superintendent of Education. So far as we know, the teachers will be the same as last year. Owing to the Assembly coming earlier this year the term of school will be only six weeks. The price for board and tuition will be the same per week as it was last year, which will make the term cost you one-fourth less than last year's term. Begin now making your arrangements to be with us in this great school. You

need the training; you need the music; you need the Bible knowledge and you need the spiritual influence of this school. We are expecting some out-of-state students. God bless you one and all.—Sincerely, E. M. Ellis.

REVIVALS

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MATOAKA, W. Va.—We praise God for a very successful revival just closed at Weyanoke. Our pastor, Brother Ben Woodring, was in charge and delivered each message with wonderful power. The saints of God continued to send up their fervent prayers each day and the Lord came on the scene and gave victory. Eleven were saved, seven sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, five added to the church, eleven baptized in water and the church greatly revived. Our Y. P. E. is on a great increase; God is really blessing. We also have a wonderful Sunday School which is on the increase. God meets with us in each service with great power. We earnestly desire the saints of God to pray that this church will continue to grow and shine forth with God's great love that others may see the light.—C. J. Norris, clerk.

BISMARCK, N. Dak.—We have just closed a very good revival at Bismarck, N. D., the capital city. We had to move our meeting place for the revival seven different times on account of being unable to get a permanent building for the meetings. Four were saved, one sanctified and some came to us from other denominations. There are fifteen or more planning to join the church. We set a new church in order, organized a Sunday School and there will be a full time pastor with the work from now on.

We are leaving the Northwest for Union, Ohio to hold a meeting for Brother John L. Stephens. We ask the prayers of all the Church of God members everywhere. We hope to be able to set another new church in order there. — C. W. Hilemon, superintendent, Northwest Bible & Music Academy.

STARKE, Fla.—I thank the Lord for the way He blessed in the revival at Saxton, Fla. which has just closed. We are starting our new church in Starke and hope the Lord will bless us. We ask the prayers of the saints. The Lord surely did bless. Twenty-three were saved and eleven received the blessed Holy Ghost at Saxton, Fla. We also had a revival at Starke; three received the Holy Ghost. The Lord is surely blessing here. We appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Shaw. They are laboring hard. We are moving the church to Starke and are looking to the Lord to bless. Please pray for me that I may be found doing the Lord's will.—Mrs.

Tiney Mosley, Rt. 2.

EASLEY, S. C.—The Church of God at Easley, S. C. is in good standing. We closed a revival conducted by Sister Margaret Jacobs. The Lord blessed her with His message of love. We feel we are still reaping the benefit of the seed that have been sown by the evangelist and our good pastor. Sixteen have been saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. The saints are on fire for which we praise the Lord. God is blessing in many ways. Our baby fourteen months old had pneumonia but God healed her. We trust Him and He does the work. There have been other wonderful healings in our midst and we want to give Him the glory. We praise God for our good pastor, Brother W. M. Morrow. He is a man of prayer and faith. We know the Lord is with us. When you pray, pray for us.—Guy H. Sloan, clerk, Aerial Station.

BUFORD, Ga.—We thank God for the wonderful revival which closed a few weeks ago here. Brother Y. P. McNear, our pastor, conducted it. People from twenty-five and thirty miles came to be in it. Thirteen were saved, ten sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. The revival lasted four weeks and ended with shouts of victory, the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We're having a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. The Lord is blessing here. Pray for us.—Edgar Braswell.

REQUEST

Pray for me and my four children and unsaved husband. We have some kind of bad breaking out on us and it looks like poison oak, but I don't think it is. Pray that I will be faithful to trust the Lord. Brother Rouse, please pray for us to be healed and my husband saved. —Mrs. Ora Lee Jones, Glendale, Tex.

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